

JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

April 27, 1953, 4:10 P. M.

Monnet Hall, Room 101

The Senate, meeting in regular session, was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Olin L. Browder, Jr.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bell, R. E.	James, R. V.	Pugmire, D. R.	Bavinger, E. A.
Browder, O. L.	Kelly, Ellen	Ragan, W. B.	Cross, G. L.
Brown, H. B.	Kelly, Florene C.	Raines, J. M.	Fite, G. C.
Bruce, J. B.	Leek, J. H.	Reese, J. E.	Harlow, J. G.
Crook, K. E.	Livezey, W. E.	Scatori, Stephen	Matlock, J. R.
Edmondson, V. G.	Marrs, Wyatt	Self, J. T.	Morris, F. C.
Goodman, G. J.	Mertes, J. E.	Wardell, M. L.	Peach, W. N.
Hall, R. G.	Monnett, V. E.	Warren, Mary A.	Pritchard, J. P.
Herbert, H. H.	Moorhead, M. L.	Wilcox, S. C.	Rackley, J. R.
Hollon, W. E.	Poston, Lawrence	Wiley, J. B.	Sears, A. B.
Hughes, F. C.	Pray, J. W.		Springer, C. E.
			Stanley, A. J.

REPORTING OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SENATE

Dr. Browder, noting the presence of two newspaper reporters, raised the question of whether the proceedings of the Senate should be reported in the press. He referred to Article B-2 of the By-Laws of the University Senate and read as follows:

"The proceedings of the Senate shall not be reported in the press but the Journal shall be open to public inspection after it has been published to the general faculty."

Dr. Browder inquired as to whether any member of the Senate cared to make a motion to amend the By-Laws to permit the presence of reporters. No such motion was made and Dr. Browder requested the reporters to leave.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the University Senate for the March 30, 1953 meeting was approved.

STUDENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Explanatory Comment:

In April, 1952 the Student Senate sent to the University Senate the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Student Senate request the Administration to inaugurate a 'stop day' with no regular class periods immediately preceding the beginning of final exams."

The University Senate on May 26, 1952 referred the resolution to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for a report in 1952-53.

At the March 30, 1953 meeting of the University Senate a proposal was made that the University Senate recommend a policy of early notification of all candidates for degrees whose eligibility is in question, such notification to be given early enough before the date of graduation exercises to give candidates fair warning of the jeopardy of their status. This matter was referred by the Senate to the Committee on Student and Public Relations for a report on April 27, 1953.

Report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations:

- I. (a) The Committee recommends that an interim of one day between the last day of classes and the first day of final examinations be planned as regular procedure, beginning with the Summer Session of 1953, and for each semester and summer session thereafter.
- (b) If it is desired, an interim day can be made possible for most students in the present semester by scheduling final examinations for 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. classes on the first day of the final examination schedule. The Office of Admissions and Records has agreed to such a plan.
- II. The Committee recommends the adoption of a policy (details to be worked out by the administration) for early notification of candidates for degrees whose eligibility for graduation is questionable.
(Reference: page 8 of the University Senate Agenda, March 30, 1953)

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ellen D. Kelly
 J. W. Marrs
 D. R. Pugmire
 J. M. Raines
 Stephen Scatori
 A. J. Stanley
 F. C. Hughes, Chairman

Senate Action Regarding "Stop Day":

Professor Hughes commented briefly on the report relative to "stop day" and moved that the Senate approve Section I-(a) as presented above. His motion was seconded.

Dr. Pray inquired as to whether the "stop day" would cause difficulty in connection with the arrangement of the school calendar to include the proper number of days of instruction. Dean Fellows was present and reported that it would not.

Dr. Moorhead moved the amendment of the motion by Professor Hughes to the effect that the "stop day" regulation not be allowed to shorten the instructional time in the semester. His motion was seconded and defeated.

The Senate approved the motion by Professor Hughes relative to Section I-(a).

Professor Hughes commented on Section I-(b) of the Report and indicated that the Committee was not certain the "stop day" should be arranged for this semester. Dr. Ellen D. Kelly moved that a "stop day" be scheduled for the present semester in accordance with Section I-(b) of the foregoing report. Her motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

Senate Action Regarding Notification of Candidates for Degrees:

Professor Hughes moved that the Senate approve Section II of the Report of the Committee on Student and Public Relations. His motion was seconded. Dean Fellows read a statement of the plan by which notification of candidates for degrees whose eligibility for graduation is questionable might be accomplished. The motion by Professor Hughes was passed by the Senate.

FACULTY TENURE

Report of the Committee on Faculty Personnel:

At its meeting February 23, 1953 the Senate voted to submit the recommendations of the Special Committee on Tenure to the Committee on Faculty Personnel. The Committee was directed to revamp the recommendations in the light of information given by President Cross. The Committee makes the following recommendations, which have been approved by President Cross. The revised report is the same as the Report of the Special Committee on Tenure (Journal of the University Senate, 1-53, pp. 2-4), except for the following:

1. In place of Section 52 of the plan for "Departmental Administration", (Faculty Handbook, p.23), as revised in the report of the Special Committee on Tenure, the Committee recommends the following:

Each Department shall have a Committee A, consisting of the chairman of the Department and two faculty members elected by the teaching staff as defined above. The function of Committee A shall be to prepare and transmit formal recommendations. The teaching staff, as defined above, may make recommendations concerning budget allotment requests, increases in salary, promotions in rank, or recommendations regarding tenure. The teaching staff may, however, delegate any or all of these powers to Committee A and may recall any delegated power at its discretion.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of rephrasing the above paragraph is to spell out the function of Committee A, and to emphasize that power to formulate recommendations rests with the teaching faculty.

2. The Report of the Special Committee on Tenure (Journal of the University Senate, 1-53, p. 3, par. 3) has been changed to read as follows:

If there is disagreement among the Department, the Dean(s) and the Budget Council, the President may, at his discretion, refer the case to the Committee on Faculty Retirement and Tenure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Harlow
H. B. Brown, Jr.,
J. M. Matlock
M. L. Moorhead
J. C. Pray
S. C. Wilcox
J. B. Wiley
W. N. Peach, Chairman

Senate Action:

In the absence of W. N. Peach, Chairman of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Tenure, Dr. Wilcox presented the above report and commented briefly about it. Dr. Goodman moved that the Report be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Explanatory Comment:

The Committee on Committees (J. E. Reese, J. Bruce Wiley, and H. H. Herbert, Chairman), as instructed by the Senate, made recommendations of persons to be voted upon as nominees to the President for appointment to six councils and committees.

Dr. Browder, as Chairman of the Senate, ruled that nominations to each of the six councils and committees be considered separately.

Senate Action:

1. UNIVERSITY BUDGET COUNCIL

A. Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

Ralph Bienfang	Pharmacy	1953-56
R. G. Fowler	Physics	1953-56
George Goodman	Plant Sciences	1953-56
Spencer Norton	Music	1953-56
Joseph C. Pray	Government	1953-56
Percy T. Teska	Education	1953-56

B. Professor Herbert, as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, withdrew the name of R. G. Fowler (he will not be on campus next year) and substituted the name of E. A. Frederickson, Geology.

C. Professor Herbert moved that the Senate approve Bienfang, Frederickson, Goodman, Norton, Pray, and Teska. His motion was seconded and the Senate approved.

2. COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTION

A. Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

Jean Brown	Pharmacy	1953-56
Willard R. Lane	Education	1953-56
Joe R. Taylor	Art	1953-56
O. D. Westfall	Accounting	1953-56

B. Professor Herbert moved acceptance of the above nominees. His motion was seconded and passed.

3. COMMITTEE ON FACULTY RETIREMENT AND TENURE

A. Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

Dewey L. Barnes	Accounting	1953-58
Gilbert C. Fite	History	1953-58
Ralph E. Olson	Geography	1953-58
W. H. Smith	Art	1953-58

B. Professor Herbert, as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, pointed out the fact that S. C. Wilcox, currently a member of the Committee on Faculty Retirement and Tenure, will be on leave next year. He then indicated two individuals that the Committee on Committees believed should be nominated for appointment to fill the 1-year unexpired term.

R. E. Bell	Anthropology	1953-54
W. H. Bowen	Modern Language	1953-54

C. Professor Herbert moved that the six nominations be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded and passed

4. COUNCIL ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

Francis R. Cella	Business Statistics	1953-57
A. H. Heilman	Education	1953-57

B. Professor Herbert moved acceptance of the above nominees. His motion was seconded and passed.

5. COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

A. Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

Harlan Bryant	Education	1953-56
D. Ross Pugmire	Education	1953-56
Ellen D. Kelly	Physical Education	1953-56
Kester Svendsen	English	1953-56
W. R. Bandy	Law	1953-56
E. D. Phelps	Law	1953-56

B. Dr. Wardell nominated Rufus G. Hall, Jr., Government, as an addition to the list above.

C. Professor Herbert moved that the six nominees in Item A and the one nominee in Item B. be approved by the Senate. His motion was seconded and approved.

6. ATHLETIC COUNCIL

A. One-year term.

(1) Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

L. A. Comp	Aeronautical Engineering	1953-54
J. E. Douglas	Speech	1953-54
F. F. Gaither	Education	1953-54
L. H. Haug	Music Education	1953-54
G. G. Huffman	Geology	1953-54
L. H. Rice	Journalism	1953-54

(2) Dr. Poston nominated Olin L. Browder, Jr., Law. Dr. Browder withdrew his name from the list of nominees.

(3) Professor Herbert moved that the Senate accept the six nominations in Item (1). His motion was seconded and passed

B. Two-year term.

(1) Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

John B. Bruce	Pharmacy	1953-55
Lowell Dunham	Modern Languages	1953-55
Harry E. Hoy	Geography	1953-55
L. S. Reid	Chemical Engineering	1953-55
Earl Sneed, Jr.	Law	1953-55
S. C. Wilcox	English	1953-55

(2) Because S. C. Wilcox will be on leave in 1953-54, Professor Herbert proposed that Carl D. Riggs, Zoology, be nominated in his place.

(3) Professor Herbert moved that the Senate approve Bruce, Dunham, Hoy, Reid, Sneed, and Riggs as nominees. His motion was seconded and passed.

C. Three-year term.

(1) Nominees listed by the Committee on Committees.

W. E. Hollon	History	1953-56
Leon F. Lee	Economics	1953-56
John H. Leek	Government	1953-56
H. V. McDermott	Physical Education	1953-56
H. H. Rowley	Chemistry	1953-56
R. B. Shuman	Business Management	1953-56

(2) Dr. Moorhead nominated Paul V. Keen, Intramural Athletics. Dr. Wardell nominated Walter Kraft, Physical Plant, and Lawrence Poston, Modern Languages.

Dr. Poston requested that his name be withdrawn.

(3) A vote by ballot was taken to determine which six men would be nominated. Those chosen were: Hollon, Lee, Leek, Keen, McDermott, and Shuman.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Explanatory Comment:

Professor Herbert, as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, stated that his term in the Senate expires this year. Therefore, an individual should be elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Committees. This person should be chosen from among those recently elected to three-year terms in the Senate.

Senate Action:

Dr. Marrs nominated Lewis E. Winfrey, Modern Languages. Dr. Pray nominated Paul R. David, Zoology. Dr. Crook nominated Willard R. Lane, Education.

Dr. Poston moved that the nominations cease. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

Dr. Marrs moved that the election be by show of hands. His motion was seconded and passed. In the voting that followed, Lewis E. Winfrey was elected to a three-year term on the Committee on Committees.

UNIFORM FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Explanatory Comment:

During the first semester of 1952-53, a special committee, appointed by President Cross, studied the question of uniform final examinations. The recommendations of the Committee were approved for the second semester of the current academic year.

In a letter to the Chairman of the Senate on April 10, 1953, Carl M. Franklin pointed up the fact that President Cross has requested the University Senate to establish a policy concerning uniform examinations. This letter was included in the Agenda for the April 27, 1953 meeting of the Senate.

Senate Action:

Dr. Pray made a motion that the matter of uniform final examinations be referred to the appropriate committee of the University Senate. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Poston offered a substitute motion to table the matter until the Fall of 1954. His motion was seconded but failed to pass.

Dr. Poston offered another substitute motion that the matter be referred to a special committee for consideration. This motion was seconded but also failed to pass.

The original motion by Dr. Pray was approved by the Senate.

SELF-STUDY SURVEY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Explanatory Comment:

In a letter to the Secretary of the University Senate on April 16, 1953, President Cross made the following statement:

"Please place on the agenda for the next University Senate meeting a discussion of the desirability of undertaking a self-study survey of the University of Oklahoma in terms of all of the criteria used by the North Central Association."

The complete letter from President Cross was included in the Agenda for the April 27 meeting.

Senate Action:

Following a brief discussion of some of the ramifications of this matter, Dr. Wardell made a motion to defer action relative to a self-study survey. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

ABSENCE DUE TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Explanatory Comment:

In a letter to the Secretary of the University Senate on April 8, 1953, Dr. Leslie F. Smith drew the attention of the Senate to the matter of absence of students from class due to extra-curricular activities. His letter was included in the Agenda of the April 27 meeting for study by members of the Senate.

Senate Action:

Dr. Hollon moved that the matter be referred to the appropriate committee for a report at the next regular meeting. His motion was seconded and passed by the Senate.

REPORTING OF THE PROCEEDINGS
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Explanatory Comment:

Dr. Browder raised for discussion the matter of how news of the proceedings of the Senate should be gotten to the press. He pointed up the fact that he and the Secretary of the Senate are frequently asked for information before the Journal can be mailed to the Faculty. In accordance with the present By-Laws of the Senate, no information is to be given to the press until it has first been mailed to the entire Faculty.

Senate Action:

Dr. Wardell made a motion that the procedure as followed in the past be continued. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The letter which appears on page 10 was received by Dr. Browder too late for it to be included in the Agenda of the April 27 meeting. Therefore, Dr. Browder read the letter to the Senate. No action was taken by the Senate relative to the letter.

April 27, 1953

Dr. Olin L. Browder, Chairman
Faculty Senate
University of Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Browder:

Pursuant to my mimeographed letter to you of April 13 I requested the General Faculty at its meeting on April 16 recommit to the Senate the matter of formulating the University's athletic policy in such a way as to make it clear that the University would fully comply with the accreditation standards of the North Central Association.

My motion was defeated largely on the strength of assurances from a member of the Senate that the University's policy was in fact such as to conform to the N. C. A. rulings. At the time I did not believe these assurances, but had no information at hand to refute them. The only thing I could do was to bring the matter to the attention of the officials of N. C. A. and ask them categorically whether my criticisms of University policy were in line with N. C. A. policy or not. I have today received from Mr. Manning M. Patillo, Jr., Associate Secretary of the Commission on Colleges and Universities of N. C. A., a letter containing the following significant paragraph:

"I think it is clear from the information contained in your letter that the newly adopted athletic policy of the University of Oklahoma is not in accord with the policy of the North Central Association. The North Central Association does not condone the subsidization of athletes, that is, the granting of financial aid to students for the purpose of developing winning teams."

I am therefore writing you at once with the request that this matter be presented to the Senate at its meeting today. Surely it is within the competence of the Senate to reconsider its own action, particularly in view of the fact that my motion to recommit was defeated on the basis of assurances to the General Faculty that now appear to border on mendacity.

I shall, of course, send copies of this letter to the persons with whom I have been in correspondence.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard G. Eaton

cc: President P. M. Bail
Dean James B. Edmondson
Mr. M. M. Patillo, Jr.

NEW SENATORS ELECTED

Dr. Donnell M. Owings, Chairman of the University Elections Committee, has reported that at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 16, the General Faculty elected the following persons to serve as Senate representatives for the term 1953-56 in succession to Dean J. R. Rackley and Miss Mary Ann Warren:

Clyde L. Farrar	Electrical Engineering	1953-56
Virginia Morris	Physical Education	1953-56

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 6:03 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 25, 1953, at 4:10 p.m. Material for the Agenda should be in the Office of the Secretary by Tuesday Afternoon, May 19.

Gerald A. Porter, Secretary

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